

Brick Block
Dutton Street
Lowell
Middlesex County
Massachusetts

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE MASSACHUSETTS	COUNTY MIDDLESEX	TOWN OR VICINITY LOWELL
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) BRICK BLOCK		HABS NO. MA-1151
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Dutton Street; Lowell National Historical Park		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) Circa 1825	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) From the designs of Kirk Boott, one of the key people in the Lowell manufacturing concern.	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The early, typical boardinghouse was erected during Lowell's rapid development as the nation's first great manufacturing center that began in the early 19th century. The structure was a part of the comprehensive building program (continued to next page)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Mill housing		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick and wood.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular shape.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The features were common- double-hung sash windows, gable roofs, chimneys, etc.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Plain interior trim throughout.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Demolished.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE There is an earlier photographic view of the building in the field record folder filed under the title and HABS number as noted above.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Coolidge, John. <u>Mill and Mansion: A Study of Architecture and Society in Lowell, Massachusetts, 1820-1865</u> , New York: Columbia University Press, 1942. Dunwell, Steve. <u>The Run of the Mill</u> . Boston: David R. Godine, Publisher, 1978.		
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of the Merrimack Manufacturing Company, the nation's first mass-production textile manufacturer. The boardinghouses were generally placed near the mills and surrounded by other Company-owned structures, such as a church, a school, etc. This "utopian" industrial and residential community was always situated near the canal or the river. The Brick Block was one of the original boardinghouses and constituted the central part of a row of boardinghouses. The Lowell model was often copied in other mill towns in New England. Young female mill workers were the standard occupants of the boardinghouses.